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Obama leads world tributes at Mandela memorial



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Mandela's former wife Winnie and daughter Zindzi

SOWETO (AFP) - US President Barack Obama led world tributes Tuesday to Nelson Mandela, hailing him as "a giant of history" at a rain-soaked memorial attended by tens of thousands of South Africans united in proud, noisy celebration.

Obama was one of nearly 100 world leaders at the event in Soweto's World Cup sta-

dium, where songs of praise and rebellion, many harking back to the apartheid era that Mandela helped condemn to history, echoed down from the dancing crowds in the stands.

"It is hard to eulogise any man ... how much harder to do so for a giant of history, who moved a nation towards justice," Obama said, after being introduced to wild cheers.

"He showed us the power of action, of taking risks on behalf of our ideals," Obama said of the prisoner-turned-president whose life story earned uncommon universal respect.

In a nod to Mandela's extraordinary global reach, popularity and influence, the Indian, Brazilian, Cuban and Namibian presidents all delivered eulogies extolling his



Mandela's widow Graca Machel

courage and moral leadership. But it was Obama's impassioned tribute that really galvanised the crowd, which at times became impatient with the long roster of speakers and a poor sound system that dampened the spontaneity of the occasion.

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Aruban Dr. Edward Cheung and team are very busy NASA scientists



ORANJESTAD -- Though NASA retired its Space Shuttle, it is still active on many projects, and Aruba's native son, Dr. Edward Cheung, is very much in the vanguard of developing applications and equipment to facilitate the human presence in space.

A graduate of Colegio Arubano and Worcester Polytechnic, Dr. Cheung obtained his PhD in Robotic Engineering at Yale with a scholarship from Phillips Labs and NASA. He was immediately recruited into the space program, working out of Goddard Space Center in Maryland.

In 1992, he joined the team of the Hubble Space Telescope project. He catapulted his team and home island into the news in 2002 with their innovative ARUBA Box, resolving a crippling cooling failure on the NICMOS instrument on HST, which threatened the entire project. The simple system was devised by Dr. Cheung and his team, and they selected the description of ASCS/NCS Relay Unit Breaker Assembly, or ARUBA Box, as the name, in honor of their team leader. Through the final mission to HST in May of 2009, Dr. Cheung was the Principal Engineer of the HST Maintenance Project.

The challenges of repairing the space telescope, expanding its capabilities, and devising equipment to increase its life span, has provided Dr. Cheung and his people ample opportunity and challenges requiring innovative thinking, stretching their problem solving capabilities to the limit.

Dr. Cheung agrees that this has allowed him to develop a team that now addresses new challenges for NASA, and has prompted the development of the Robotic Refueling Mission, or RRM. Their ambitious purpose is to establish a reliable system of repairing and refueling existing satellites, which will save untold expense in replacing them when they run out of fuel. It sounds simple, but such tasks, when performed in space and zero gravity, are never simple.

Another principal purpose will also be troubleshooting when something goes wrong with a satellite launch, which happens more than one would think. "Sometimes they find when the satellite arms should open, they get stuck, and all it may take is a bit of jostling to resolve the matter," explains Dr. Cheung.

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Aruba's Police Corps laments fatal accident involving a tourist



Police Chief Dolfi Richardson

Monday afternoon, around 1:45 p.m. a fatal accident occurred in front of the Customs Office on L.G. Smith Boulevard in Oranjestad. A police officer on motorcycle was traveling east at a very high speed, responding to a call, running his siren on the way to an emergency at Aruba's prison, to warn motorists and pedestrians to clear the road. Unfortunately, a female tourist crossed in front of him, resulting in her immediate death and serious injury to the officer.

It was in the midday hours and the guards at Aruba's prison in San Nicolas, the KIA, were staging a walkout. The police received information that prisoners were lighting fires and standing on the roof. Patrols were radioed and told to respond with urgency to the KIA to assist the other officers at the site. The traffic was very congested in Oranjestad, which is why the officer choose to use his siren

to clear the road and make it possible to reach the site faster.

"I am sorry from the bottom of my heart for the accident that occurred yesterday. It is a proof of how great danger is to police officers when doing their job, not only for themselves but also for others. Our colleague was going in a very high speed with his siren on to fulfill his duties, and found himself involved in an accident which he surely was not prepared for, nor intended," said Police Commissioner Dolfi Richardson. "To the families of the deceased, our most profound condolences and we ask our good Lord to console them in these difficult moments. We also wish our colleague a speedy recovery."

The victim of this fatality is Mrs. Stephanie Schofer, born in Germany on November 14th, 1965. Mrs. Schofer 48 yrs. was on Aruba for a few hours aboard the cruise ship Aida Luna. She was accompanied by her partner, who was in shock regarding the horrific accident and received assistance from experts of the Victims Assistance Department of the Police Force.

The case is under investigation by the concerned departments. Witnesses are being interviewed, but no conclusions are being issued until a full inspection of the incident. Authorities feel it is important to find out exactly how this accident occurred before making any decisions or issuing further statements.

Aruban Dr. Edward Cheung...

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Without eyes in space to pinpoint the problem, the solution is often to launch another satellite, at the high cost of a new piece of equipment and an additional launch. The RRM project could save tens of millions of dollars on this wasteful procedure.

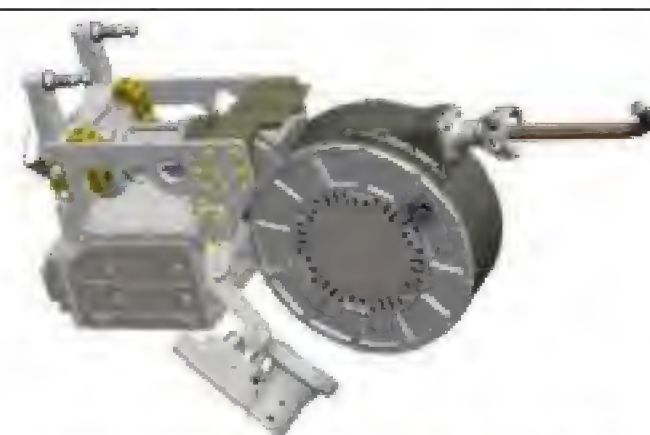
Dr. Cheung and his crew were very much involved with NASA's final missions, which included sending their demonstration model of the RRM to the International Space Station, ISS. They are now working cooperatively with Canada in using their Special Purpose Dexterous Manipulator, known as DEXTRE, to perform the jobs the RRM has been created for. Since its placement, they have been performing various delicate tasks, and are very pleased with the results. One of the first was cutting wire, which again, sounds simple, but not when being performed by robotics attached to the 65-foot long SSRMS, which carries the 11-foot long DEXTRE. They have also demonstrated this past year the capabilities of the RRM for removing tiny screws and caps.

The success of RRM and Dr. Cheung's team has precipitated an expansion, and he now oversees about a dozen engineers. Aside from heading the team, he has some particular projects he is working on, and is quite excited about the Visual Inspection Poseable Invertebrate Robot tool, or VIPIR. The challenge was to create a system that could extend into the tightest spaces, sending back images enabling them to pinpoint and diagnose specific problems and equipment failures. Imag-



ine an in-space exploratory procedure as is performed on digestive systems by doctors on earth, except the pin-sized camera is attached to a robotic tool at the end of a 65-foot DEXTRE.

Though equipment and materials are vigorously



Visual Inspection Poseable Invertebrate Robot Tool (VIPIR)

Dr. Cheung's personal project

tested in simulated conditions on the ground, the long term effects of unfiltered radiation, ultraviolet rays, and bombardment by space dust and debris can frequently result in the unexpected. This extendable camera, attached to a flexible, retractable "snake," which Dr. Cheung has devised and perfected, should provide the solution for diagnosing the problem and effecting the exact repair required.

Presently, the RRM team is busy assembling a variety of interchangeable task

boards and unique tools, which will increase the capabilities of the principal RRM unit. They have a deadline to deliver their equipment for a space launch in early summer with SpaceX, which deploys reusable rockets. NASA is still going into space, but now relies on private space carriers, like SpaceX, (<http://www.spacex.com/>), which Dr. Cheung reports has "a very impressive track record." They will be launching out of Kennedy Space Center in Florida, and then monitoring in Mission Control at Johnson Space Center outside Houston, Texas. Dr. Cheung will be very involved with the mission, as they unload and install the new equipment, ready to handle any challenges that may arise. This will be his first time working with SpaceX.

"Our six core capabilities at Goddard, which we are shooting for, are called the six 'R's,' explains Dr. Cheung. "Remote-servicing, Refueling, Repair, Relocation, Refilling, and Replacement; each has a traceability to NASA's overall main goals. They demonstrate how we fit in to the overall architecture here. This is how we break down our objective."

The exploits of Dr. Cheung and his team are regularly reported on the space news website <http://spaceflightnow.com/news> as well as NASA's official site <http://www.nasa.gov/>. For a more personal experience, Dr. Cheung frequently blogs his missions, their preparation and the ongoing event, on his website: <http://www.edcheung.com>.

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Guardian Holdings Limited names new Group Chief Executive Officer



Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, December 6, 2013: Guardian Holdings Limited (GHL) announced today that Mr. Ravi Tewari has been promoted to the position of Group Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2014. He will replace Mr. Jeffrey Mack who will retire on December 31, 2013.

Mr. Tewari, who has been with the Group since 1999, has served in an executive capacity since 2000. At present, he is the Group President of the Life, Health and Pensions business segment responsible for these business lines across the Group's areas of operations. In addition, he is President of the Trinidad and

Tobago based Guardian Life of the Caribbean Limited. An island scholarship winner and a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, Mr. Tewari earned his Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science (First Class Honors) from Cass Business School, England.

Mr. Arthur Lok Jack, Chairman of GHL, who made the announcement, said "Ravi brings to the position a combination of wide experience, a strong technical background and a proven record of successfully managing the Group's largest segment. The GHL Board and I are convinced that Ravi is ready to take on this new challenge."

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SETAR to launch MiSETAR, a 24/7 online selfservice

ORANJESTAD -- SETAR has a new service to offer its clients. The MiSETAR (My SETAR) service which is an online service giving residential clients the option to access their post- and pre-paid accounts online. MiSETAR is a "self-service" tool offering the client online access to all their SETAR services on their laptop, desktop, computer, tablet or smartphone. With MiSetar the client has the convenience of managing their accounts whenever they feel like.

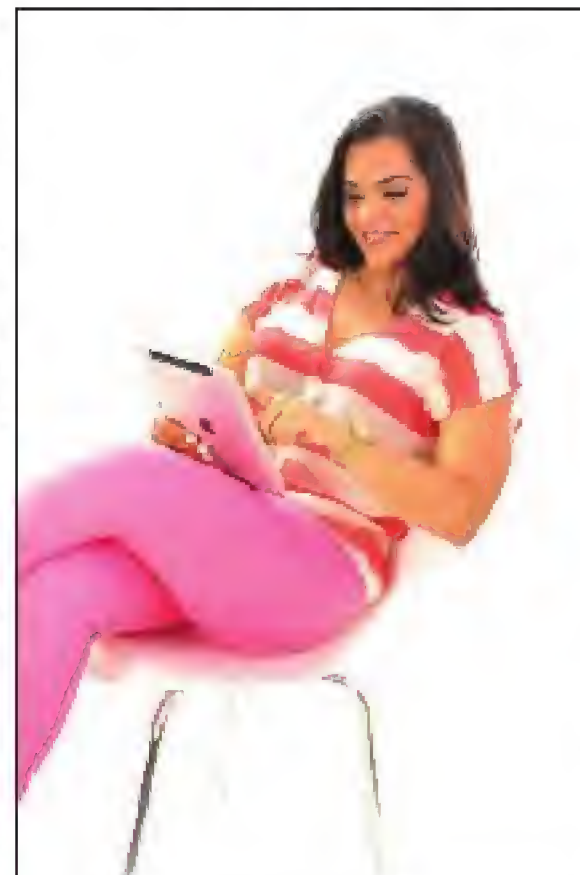
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Westin Gallery closes off the year with "2013 Comes and Goes"



Michiko Takatsu and her glass art



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ORANJESTAD -- The elegant art gallery off the main lobby of the Westin Aruba Resort in Palm Beach is offering a retrospect of works from the past year with "2013 Comes and Goes." This one month show will continue

through the end of the year. It encompasses the work of 25 island artists and a plethora of mediums from painting and photography to glass sculpture and beaded jewelry.

The show opened this past weekend on December 7,

combined with an diverse one-day display of handicrafts by local artisans. Hendrik Schouten, well known for his paintings, demonstrated his new foray into unique copper jewelry. Anita Hugen, Director of Visual Arts at the International School of Aruba, offered her paintings and handmade Murano glass beads.

Curators of the Westin Gallery, Michiko Takatsu and Eduardo Valbuena are well known for their work as well as their discerning taste in collections. Michiko is now venturing into unique relief glass sculpture, with distinctive spiritual undertones. Eduardo's popular graphic stand next to some stunning photographic studies of Aruba.

Popular island artist Armando Goedgedrag has a number of painting for sale depicting island scenes and nature, and well known photographer Annamiek van Vliet also offers her unique perspective of the Aruban environment.

Though the handicraft fair was for one day, on Sunday, December 8, the artists have books of their works on display at the gallery, and the curators can be contacted if one desired to purchase an item.

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Ravi has all the right qualities to be a successful CEO and to lead the Group's future growth strategy."

The Chairman also announced that Mr. Mack will remain on the GHL Board as a non-executive director until the next Annual General Meeting and until such time, he will be available to assist in the leadership transition.

Mr. Lok Jack stated "Jeff has been a great asset for the Group. He brought with him a wealth of international experience and a proven ability to turn around companies. When Jeff joined us in 2009, the world was in deep financial crisis presenting insurance companies with formidable challenges. He led the Group through the ensuing difficult period with great success. He skillfully managed the disposal of our operations in the UK and our asset management company in Jamaica, as well as the expansion of our Dutch and Jamaican insurance businesses.

I am pleased that we will continue to benefit from Jeff's experience on the Board as this will add greatly to a successful transition."

As part of the executive changes, GHL further announced the appointment of Mr. Anand Pascal to the position of President of Guardian Life of the Caribbean Limited (GLOC) with effect from January 1, 2014. This change is subject to regulatory approval. Mr. Pascal who joined the Group in 1997, has been Chief Operating Officer of GLOC since 2009. He is a Certified Chartered Accountant and is currently Chairman of the Life Committee of the Association of Trinidad and Tobago Insurance Companies (ATTIC). Mr. Tewari expressed his sentiments on Mr. Pascal's promotion by stating "Anand brings with him both financial and operational experience to his new position. He will make an excellent leader of GLOC."



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Famous Fofoti by Armando Goedgedrag

The Westin Art Gallery is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A gallery representative is present every Tuesday and Saturday afternoon to facilitate sales of any pieces, and they can also be reached at telephone numbers 588 2267 / 740-2678 or 742-1987.

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Minister of Tourism offers grand support for Aruba's Carnival celebration

ORANJESTAD -- Last Monday, Stichting Arubaanse Carnaval (SAC) met with Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber. The point of agenda was the celebration of Carnival 60.

Tecla Kelly Hernandez, president, reported that the meeting went well and expects the 2014 Carnival to be successful. Carnival is celebrating its diamond jubilee, our 60th Carnival for Aruba.

The Minister offered his support for the SAC foundation and indicated that we must continue to support Aruba's Carnival. The Minister indicated that his ministry will help with the celebration of Aruba's 60th Carnival.

Present in the meeting with the Minister were, Director of the Tourism Office, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and Director of the department of culture, Siegfried Dumfries and Frank Croes.

Tecla Kelly Hernandez indicated that the Minister has always cooperated and remembers the cooperation of the previous government. Kelly expects Minister Oduber to support the celebration of our Carnival as he is very knowledgeable about our Carnival as one of our celebrants of Carnival each year.



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Obama shakes hands with Castro

The four-hour event began at midday (1000 GMT) with a stirring rendition of the national anthem, Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika (God Bless Africa), led by a mass choir and picked up by the rest of the stadium. "This is once in your life. This is history," said Noma Kova, 36. "I didn't want to watch this on TV."

Some 80,000 had been expected, but the venue was two-thirds full as the ceremony got under way under a curtain of rain that had been falling since the early morn-

Cuba.

The handshake was seen by millions watching the memorial being broadcast live around the world, and comes as Obama tries to make good on a vow to reach out even to US enemies.

Crowds had begun gathering at the Soweto stadium before daybreak and, as the gates opened, they swarmed inside the venue where Mandela made his last major public appearance at the 2010 World Cup final.

Wrapped in the South

rulers who spoke of embracing Mandela's legacy without acting on it.

"There are too many leaders who claim solidarity with Madiba's struggle for freedom, but do not tolerate dissent from their own people," he said.

The memorial event was part of extended observances that will culminate in Mandela's burial on Sunday in the rural village of Qunu where he spent his early childhood.

South African President Jacob Zuma, who was roundly booed by sections of the crowd in a reflection of growing public dissatisfaction with the current generation of ANC leaders, hailed Mandela as a "fearless freedom fighter."

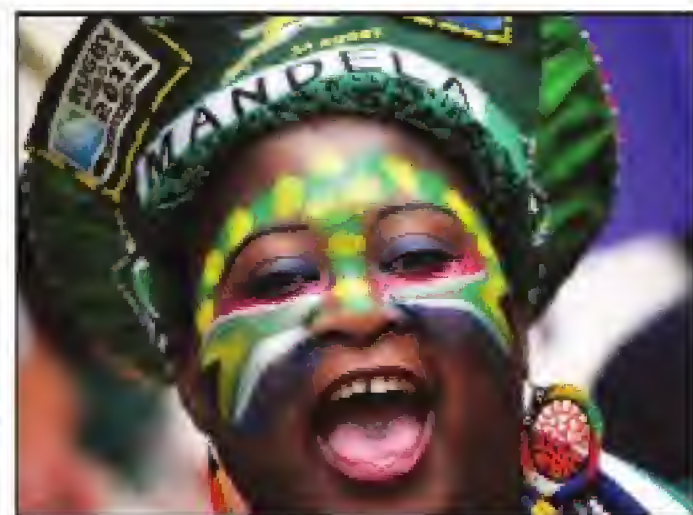
Although Mandela had been

critically ill for months, the announcement of his death was a body blow for this recently reborn nation.

He had been out of public life for more than a decade, but South Africans looked to his unassailable moral authority as a comforting constant in a time of uncertain social and economic change.

Ahead of the burial in Qunu, Mandela's body will lie in state for three days from Wednesday in the amphitheatre of the Union Buildings in Pretoria where he was sworn in as president in 1994.

Each morning, his coffin will be borne through the



streets of the capital in a funeral cortege.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, French President Francois Hollande and Afghan President Hamid Karzai were among the leaders attending the memorial ceremony.

Celebrity mourners included Bono and South African actress Charlize Theron.



ing. Despite the profound sense of national sorrow triggered by Mandela's death last Thursday, the mood was upbeat, with people determined to celebrate the memory of one of the 20th century's towering political figures.

Cold War thaw? Obama, Castro shake hands

"His long walk is over, he can finally rest," African National Congress (ANC) Vice President Cyril Ramaphosa said in an opening address.

In his tribute, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon noted that Mandela had managed to unite people in death, much as he had in life.

"Look around this stage ... we see leaders representing many points of view ... all here, all united," he said.

Before taking to the lectern, Obama shook hands with Raul Castro, leader of long-time Cold War rival

African flag or yellow and green shawls printed with the slogan "Mandela Forever", they danced and sang -- oblivious to the constant drizzle.

"He's God given, he's God taken. We will never stop to cherish him," said Shahim Ismail, who took a day off from the sports academy he runs in Johannesburg to attend the event.

Mandela's widow, Graca Machel, received a huge ovation as she took her seat on the main stage erected at one end of the pitch.

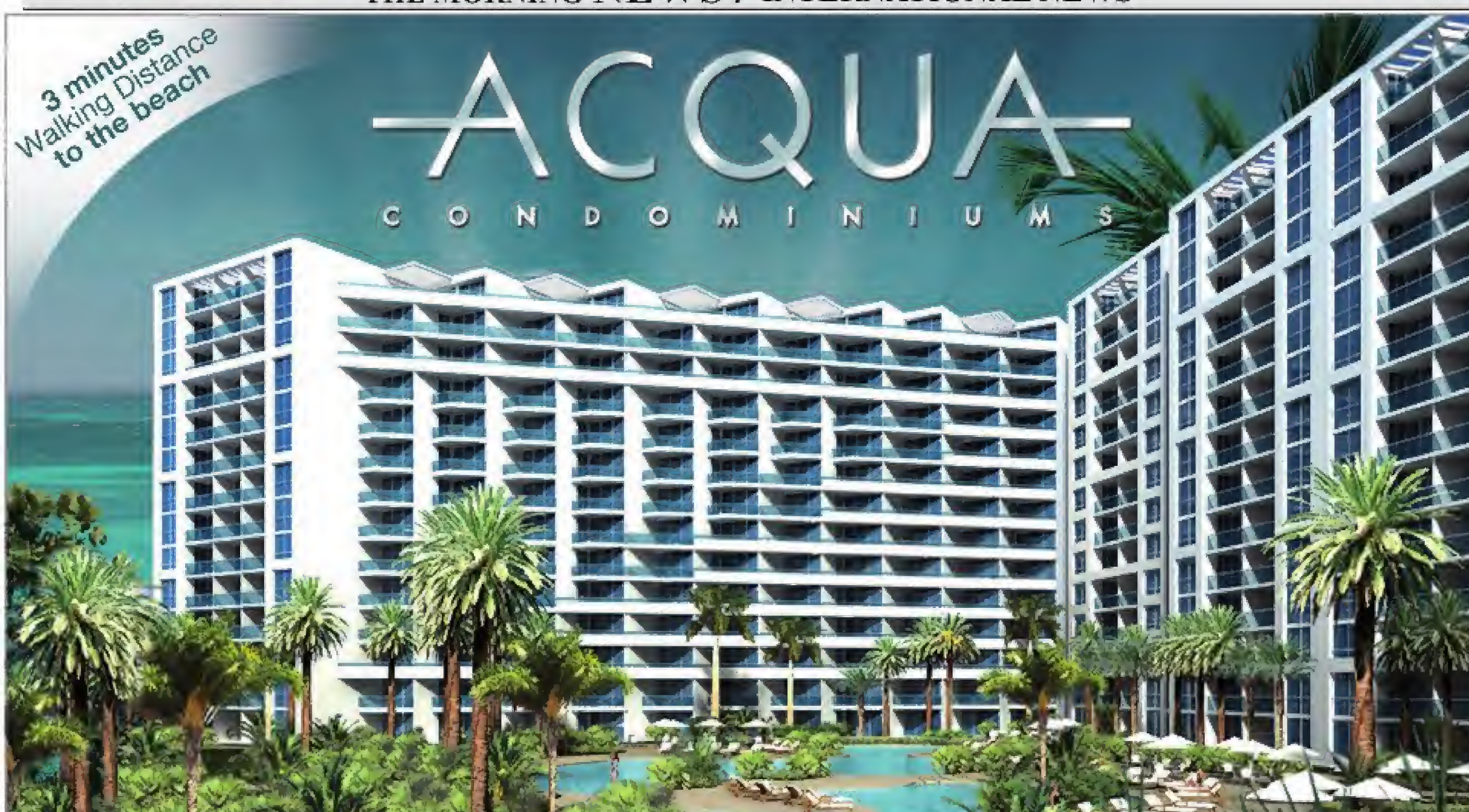
News of Mandela's death at his home in Johannesburg resonated around the world, triggering a wave of loving admiration from political and religious leaders, some of whom agree on little else.

'Fearless freedom fighter'

But in his tribute, Obama took a swipe at authoritarian

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Mexico arrests suspect linked to 200 murders

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexican police have arrested a man accused of ordering and participating in the murders of more than 200 people, including kidnap victims, rival gang members and drug dealers, authorities said Tuesday.

Felipe Viveros Garcia, 30, was detained in the western state of Jalisco along with two other suspects, Jose Bernabe Lopez Alcaraz, 43, and Froylan Barrera Morales, 40, the national security commission said in a statement.

The three men are accused of taking part in organized crime, murder, kidnapping, extortion and gun smuggling. The statement did not say when they were captured.

Viveros Garcia operated in several towns in the states of Guerrero and Jalisco, the commission said, adding that as well as the more than 200 murders he is "linked to at least 10 documented kidnapping cases" and accused of demanding extortion payments from state authorities in Jalisco.

His two accomplices allegedly provided security for the gang and gathered infor-



mation on the activities of the authorities.

More than 77,000 people have died in drug cartel-related violence in Mexico over the past seven years.

President Enrique Pena Nieto, who took office a year ago, has pledged to reduce the murders and kidnappings plaguing his country, but while homicides are down, abductions have soared.

This past month, authorities unearthed 64 bodies in mass graves in a region of Jalisco bordering the state of Michoacan. The two states are in the throes of a turf war between the Jalisco New Generation

cartel and Michoacan's Knights Templar gang.

The violence in the region has prompted a growing number of civilians to form vigilante units in Michoacan and Guerrero.

Officials in Guerrero said Monday that they had found the dismembered bodies of eight family members who had been kidnapped.

The victims ranged in age from 18 to 40. They were abducted Thursday by gunmen in the town of Teloloapan.

The bodies were found Friday in plastic bags dumped along a highway. The remains showed signs of torture and gunshot wounds, a Guerrero state government statement said.

Three other members of the same family had also been kidnapped, including an eight-year-old girl. But their whereabouts were unknown, said an investigator in the state prosecutor's office who requested anonymity.

"Although the bodies were in pieces they could be identified," this official said.

Seven dead in Argentina looting amid police strike



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Seven people died overnight in looting in northern Argentina sparked by a police strike, bringing the death toll to nine since the job action began a week ago, authorities said Tuesday. So far, the strikes -- which have spread to about 10 provinces -- are being observed by provincial forces and not the 60,000-strong federal police. Hundreds of people have been injured and dozens arrested. In Chaco, a 35-year-old police officer was killed from injuries sustained while he was protecting a supermarket. Argentine cabinet chief Jorge Capitanich has said the violence was an attempt to discredit democratic rule, as the country marks the 30th anniversary of the restoration of democracy. Looting has occurred repeatedly in Argentina since the late 1980s. For sociologist Enrique Zuleta Puceiro, the pillaging is an expression of social tension. Inflation is running at a rate of 30 percent a year, according to private analysts, fueling unease among the population. In 2001, the country was hit by a wave of violence amid a serious economic crisis. Just a year ago, supermarkets in several cities were looted.

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US boosts mental health funding, year after Newtown



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Vice President Joe Biden announced a \$100 million boost in funding for mental health

services on Tuesday as he met families of children killed in the Newtown school shooting, the White House said.

"The fact that less than half of children and adults with diagnosable mental health problems receive the treatment they need is unacceptable," Biden said, adding that he and President Barack Obama had made access to mental health care a "priority."

Half the money will go to enable community health centers to offer behavioral health services to people suffering from mental illness or addiction, the White House statement said.

Another \$50 million will be earmarked by the Department of Agriculture for the construction of mental health facilities in rural areas, it added, confirming details provided earlier to AFP by an official.

Biden was to discuss "the new funding during a meeting at the White House with families who lost loved ones during the shooting in Newtown, as well as mental health advocates," the official had said.

On Saturday, the United States marks the first anniversary of the massacre at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut,

which left 26 people dead, including 20 six- and seven-year-old children.

The shooter, a mentally unbalanced 20-year-old, committed suicide at the scene.

The killing, two weeks before Christmas, traumatized the United States and ignited renewed debate over the country's lax gun laws.

A handful of states have since toughened their laws, but national reforms advocated by President Barack Obama failed to pass the US Senate.

Obama, who entrusted the fight against gun violence to Biden after Newtown, has vowed to tackle the problem using decrees and administrative measures.

One angle has been to improve access to mental health care.



Founder of French breast implant scandal firm jailed



MARSEILLE (AFP) - The founder of a French firm whose faulty breast implants sparked a global health scare was sentenced to four years in jail Tuesday after being convicted of fraud. Four other former executives of the now-defunct Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) were also convicted over a scandal that reverberated around the world. PIP was revealed two years ago to have been systematically using industrial-grade rather than medically approved silicone in its breast implants in order to cut costs and boost profits. The Marseille court sentenced PIP founder Jean-Claude Mas to four years in prison, fined him 75,000 euros (\$103,000) and banned him permanently from working in medical services or running a company. The 74-year-old, who says he is insolvent, was also ordered to compensate more than 4,000 plaintiffs up to 13,000 euros each for the anxiety he had caused them and, in some cases, the physical trauma of having the implants removed.

Nobel Prize in Physiology



STOCKHOLM (AFP) - The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2013 Randy W Schekman receives his medal from King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustaf during the Nobel Prize award ceremonies for Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Literature and Economic Sciences at the Stockholm Concert Hall yesterday.

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Pop star Bieber brings cheer in typhoon-hit Philippines



TACLOBAN (AFP) - Pop megastar Justin Bieber hugged, sang to, danced and played with young survivors of the Philippines' deadliest typhoon Tuesday, bringing cheer to the disaster zone amid an international relief effort.

Bieber flew unannounced to the central city of Tacloban just over a month after it was devastated by Super Typhoon Haiyan and sang Christmas carols to children at a heavily damaged local school amid tight security.

"He sang 'Holy Night' for the children," said Kate Donovan, a spokeswoman for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), one of three aid agencies expected to benefit from Bieber's charity work.

During the performance, a boy hopped on the improvised stage and danced to the 19-year-old Canadian superstar's lead, an AFP reporter saw.

Bieber also played basketball at an improvised sandlot court with some of the young boys, later hugging some of them and posing for photos.

"Most touching trip of my life," the singer said on Twitter, also describing the performance as the last stop and "the most important one" of his global "Believe" tour.

"I saw the devastation first hand today. They need our help," he added.

Prior to visiting the Philippines, Bieber had posted a

message on fund raising website Prizeo.com urging his millions of fans to donate to the victims of the typhoon, the strongest to ever hit land.

"UNICEF is very pleased that Justin Bieber wanted to visit Tacloban, and stopped by City Central Elementary School which has suffered a great deal of structural damage," UNICEF emergency coordinator Angela Kearney said.

"Justin brought a lot of joy, hope and cheer to the hundreds of children who were there," she added.

The money that would be raised would give child survivors access to education, vaccinations, clean water and sanitation, she said.

Haiyan cut across the central Philippines on November 8, destroying scores of communities along its path.

SANTA CLARITA (AFP) - Fans and car enthusiasts wait in a long line to sign a poster remembering "Fast and Furious" actor Paul Walker and his friend Richard Roda on Sunday in Santa Clarita, California. A memorial rally and car cruise was organized by fans near the site of the fiery car crash in which Walker and friend Rodas died on November 30.





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Obama, Cameron 'selfie' at Mandela memorial causes online stir



PARIS (AFP) - US President Barack Obama may have moved the masses attending Nelson Mandela's memorial service with his stirring eulogy on Tuesday, but it was his grinning "selfie" with the Danish and British premiers that set

social networks abuzz.

In a candid moment captured by AFP photographer Roberto Schmidt, Denmark's Helle Thorning-Schmidt can be seen holding up her smartphone, with Obama lending a helping hand, as they pose for

a picture with David Cameron, all three of them smiling broadly in their seats at Soweto's World Cup stadium.

First Lady Michelle Obama, sitting to the left of her husband, does not join in with the lighthearted moment, keeping her eyes firmly trained on the podium where world leaders were paying tribute to South Africa's anti-apartheid hero Mandela, who died Thursday aged 95.

The so-called selfie -- short for self-portrait -- was quickly picked up by major international news outlets and went viral on social media sites, with many questioning whether the moment of mirth was appropriate for the occasion.

"There should be a moratorium on 'selfies' during memorials and funerals, no?" tweeted @JeffreyHalverson.

"Is This The Most Important Selfie Of 2013?" headlined the US-based social news website BuzzFeed, noting that Michelle Obama seemed "not amused" by the impromptu photoshoot.

The act of taking selfies has become increasingly popular in recent years. The word itself was named this year's word of the year by Oxford Dictionaries.

A selfie is defined as "a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam and uploaded to a social media website".

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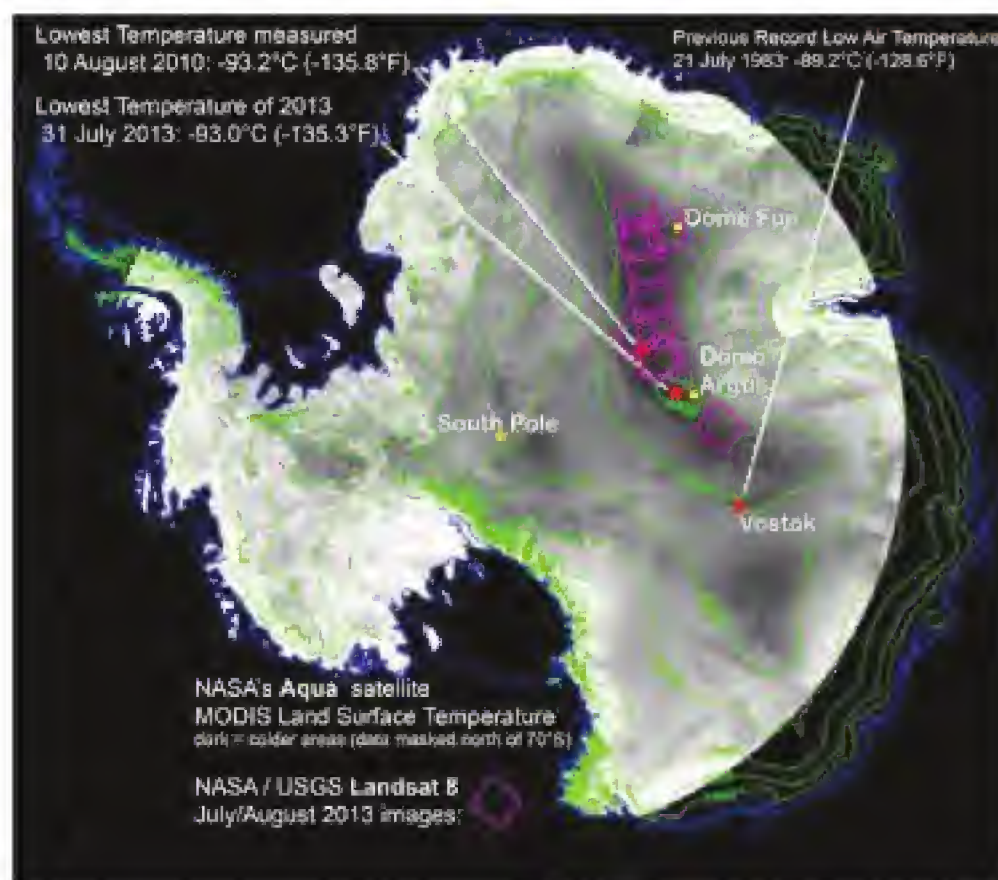
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It's official: the coldest place on Earth



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Commuters in northeastern US might have felt they were battling the coldest weather in the world as they trudged through snow Tuesday, but they may be warmed to know it could be far worse.

The coldest place on Earth is in fact a high ridge on the East Antarctic Plateau where temperatures plunged to a record minus 135.8 Fahrenheit (minus 93.2 Celsius) on August 10, 2010, NASA said.

The previous record was a bracing minus 128.6 Fahrenheit, set in 1983 at the Russian Vostok Research Station, also in East Antarctica, NASA said.

"We had a suspicion this Antarctic ridge was likely to be extremely cold, and colder than Vostok because it's higher

up the hill," said Ted Scambos, lead scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado.

"With the launch of Landsat 8, we finally had a sensor capable of really investigating this area in more detail."

Scientists made the discovery while analyzing the most detailed global-surface temperature maps to date, developed with data from remote sensing satellites including the new Landsat 8, a joint project of NASA and the US Geological Survey (USGS).

The coldest places on Earth that are inhabited permanently lie in northeastern Siberia in Russia, where temperatures dipped to 90 degrees below zero Fahrenheit in two towns in 1892 and 1933 respectively.

Chimp lawsuit falters in US courts



NEW YORK (AFP) - Three US judges have rejected lawsuits demanding that chimpanzees be recognized as people with fundamental rights, an animal charity said Tuesday.

The Nonhuman Rights Project petitioned three courts in New York State in a bid to have the four chimpanzees moved to a sanctuary where they could live out the remainder of their days in freedom.

It based its petitions on behalf of chimpanzees Tommy, Kiko, Hercules and Leo on the principle of habeas corpus, which in New York allowed slaves to establish their right to freedom.

But all three judges threw out the applications on the grounds that habeas corpus does not apply to an animal. The charity says it will appeal the case.

The organization says Tommy is held in a cage at a used trailer lot while 26-year-old Kiko is deaf and living in a private home. Hercules and Leo are owned by a research center and used in locomotion

experiments on Long Island.

Judge Joseph Sise of Fulton County Court said he would entertain a separate lawsuit seeking to right any wrongs to Tommy but could not consider him a person.

Two other judges threw out the petition on the same grounds.

The Nonhuman Rights Project website has published biographies of the four chimps.

Bid to colonize Mars wins high-pro- file backing

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A Dutch entrepreneur's bold quest to colonize Mars won high-profile support Tuesday from a US aerospace giant, although the timetable for putting humans on the red planet has been pushed back two years.

Mars One chief executive Bas Lansdorp said Lockheed Martin would, for \$250,000, produce a "mission concept study" for an unmanned Martian lander that would precede the \$6 billion manned mission.

Britain's Surrey Satellite Technology will meanwhile turn out a similar study, for 60,000 euros (\$80,000), for a satellite that would hover in orbit over the lander and relay data and images back to Earth.

Plans call for the unmanned lander to reach Mars in 2018.

The first four earthlings-turned-Martians would be joined every two years by additional groups of four or more astronauts -- all on one-way tickets to space's next frontier, he said.

Some 200,000 people have already applied to go to Mars, Lansdorp said, and they will learn by the end of this year whether they have passed the first-round selection process.

The project has garnered plenty of skeptics, but its supporters include Dutch Nobel laureate Gerard 't Hooft, who won the 1999 prize for physics and appears in a video for Mars One on the Indiegogo crowd-funding website.

If it succeeds, Mars One would be the first private-sector initiative, manned or unmanned, to explore another planet.

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Nokia asks India to allow it to transfer plant to Microsoft

MUMBAI (AFP) - Finnish giant Nokia, facing a reported \$3.4-billion Indian tax claim, asked in court Tuesday to be allowed to transfer an Indian factory to US giant Microsoft under the sale of its mobile phone business.

The Finnish company asked the Delhi High Court to lift a stay on transfer of its assets so it can hand over the manufacturing plant in Chennai under the \$7.2-billion deal to sell its mobile phone operations to the US tech giant.

Nokia has offered to pay a minimum deposit of 22.5 billion rupees on the Indian tax demand for 211.53 billion rupees (\$3.4 billion), but the income tax department said the offer is not acceptable, the Press Trust of India reported.

The tax department told the Delhi High Court on Monday that Nokia India and Nokia Corp owed it the \$3.4 billion from existing and anticipated tax liabilities, including penalties, for a seven-year period from 2006-2013, the news agency said.

Nokia said in an emailed statement Tuesday to AFP it had not received any formal claim from Indian authorities for \$3.4 billion in back taxes, but vowed to defend itself

"vigorously" against any such demand.

Indian tax authorities had before said that Nokia owed some 20.80 billion rupees in taxes.

'We do take housing and child benefit fraud seriously,'

THE HAGUE - Home affairs minister Ronald Plasterk has made €4.6m available to help local authorities combat fraud with housing, health insurance and child benefits following media claims of widespread problems.

The minister said the cabinet is well aware of the issues and doing all it can to combat fraud. For example, 1,200 civil servants are being given extra training in fraud awareness and councils are being helped to get their basic citizens' registration systems properly organised.

Some 90% of Dutch households receive some form of housing, health insurance or child benefit.

MPs demanded urgent action to curb benefit fraud after the village of Bronckhorst in Gelderland sounded the alarm. The town council turned up over 100 cases of fraud in a single year in Bronckhorst, which has a population of 38,000, RTL news reported.

One popular trick in the village was for new fathers to write themselves out of the family home, so that their partners could claim hundreds of euros in extra benefits as single parents. In reality, the father continued to live with his partner and children.

US stocks fall as market awaits retail sales data

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks Tuesday ended somewhat lower as investors looked ahead to a retail sales report that covers the beginning of the critical holiday shopping season.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 51.50 (0.32 percent) to 15,974.03.

The broad-based S&P 500 shed 5.75 (0.32 percent) to 1,802.62, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index declined 8.26 (0.20 percent) to 4,060.49.

Tuesday's losses came on a fairly quiet day for economic news, said Michael James, managing director at Wedbush Securities. James said the major economic report of the week would be Thursday's data on November monthly retail sales.

The commentary has been "somewhat negative" on the holiday season so far, James said. "Is the data going to perpetuate the negative trend?" he said. "Or are we going to get a glimmer of hope that maybe things aren't as bad as they

seem anecdotally?"

Oil prices were mixed Tuesday, with the US futures contract hitting a six-week high as traders bet that US crude oil supplies fell again last week, while Brent edged lower.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for delivery in January, finished at \$98.51 a barrel, a gain of \$1.17 from Monday's closing price.

In London trade, the European benchmark, Brent North Sea crude for January, shed one penny, settling at \$109.38 a barrel.

Oil rebounded from losses Monday that left WTI slightly lower but Brent down more than two dollars, following news of weaker German industrial output.

John Kilduff of Again Capital said the market expected upcoming reports from the American Petroleum Institute and the US Department of Energy to show growing oil consumption.

US crude oil reserves increased by nearly 35 million

barrels between mid-September and late November. But last week the DoE's weekly report showed a fall of 5.6 million barrels, and experts anticipate it will report Wednesday another decrease.

The WTI price also is being supported by the looming start of oil flows through the south leg of the Keystone pipeline, connecting the Cushing, Oklahoma crude hub with refineries along the US Gulf Coast.

That portion of the pipeline will open officially on January 3.

Matt Smith of Schneider Electric said that oil prices also were bolstered Tuesday by encouraging industrial production data in China.

On Tuesday, the OPEC oil cartel stuck to its forecast that 2014 global oil demand would grow at a faster rate than in 2013 thanks to accelerating world economic growth.

Average 2014 demand would be 98.84 million barrels per day, up 1.04 million bpd from 2013, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said in its December report.

Mary Barra to be 1st female CEO of General Motors

NEW YORK, (AFP) - General Motors Tuesday announced that company veteran Mary Barra would succeed Dan Akerson as chief executive, becoming the first woman to lead the largest US automaker. Barra, 51, currently executive vice president for global product development, purchasing and supply chain, will assume the post on January 15. The announcement came just one day after the

US Treasury sold its last shares in General Motors, closing the books on a 2008 bailout executed amid the financial crisis. GM and fellow US automakers Ford and Chrysler have gained on surging auto sales throughout 2013. Barra has worked at GM for 33 years, rising through a series of manufacturing, engineering and senior staff positions. GM, in a statement, called her "a leader in the company's ongoing turnaround."



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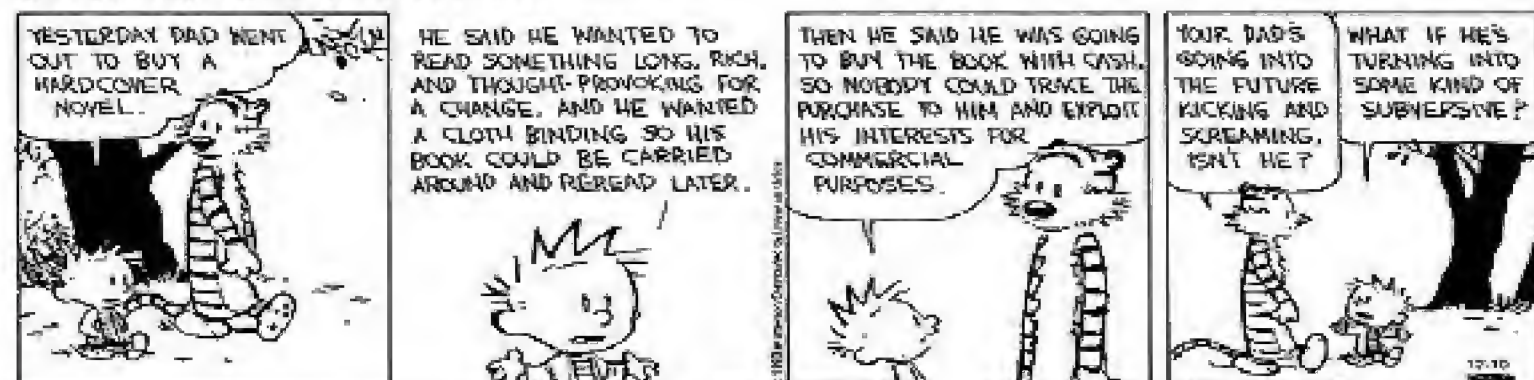
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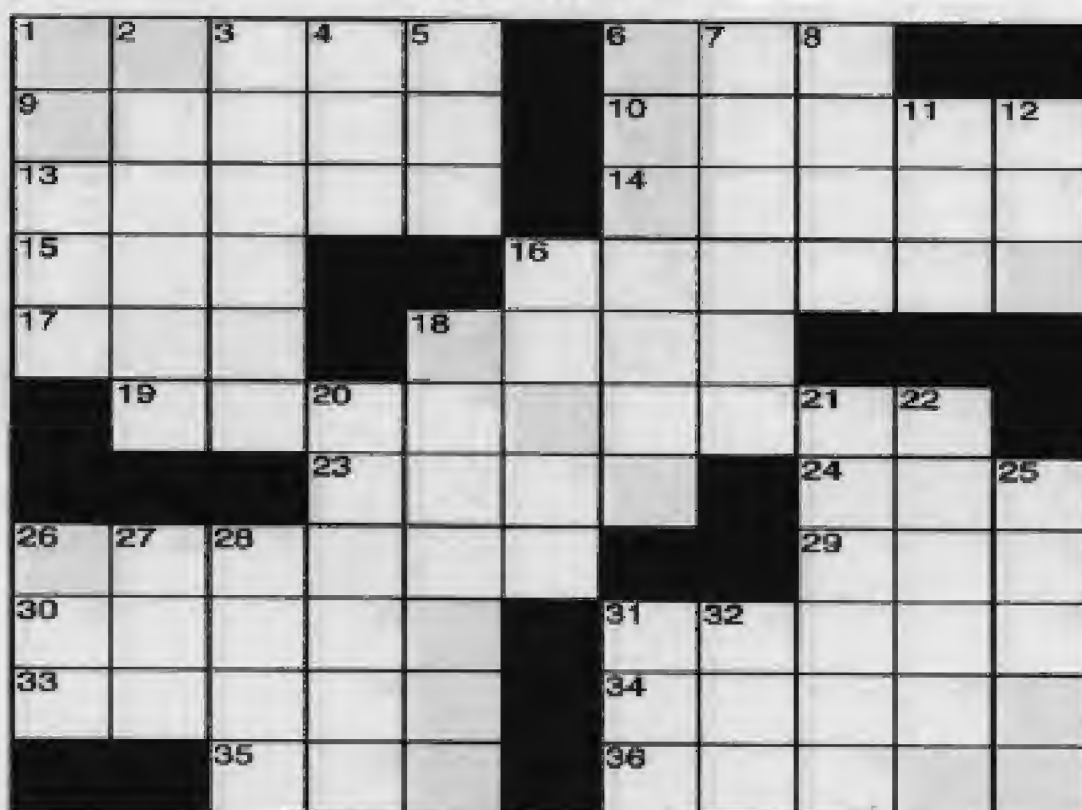
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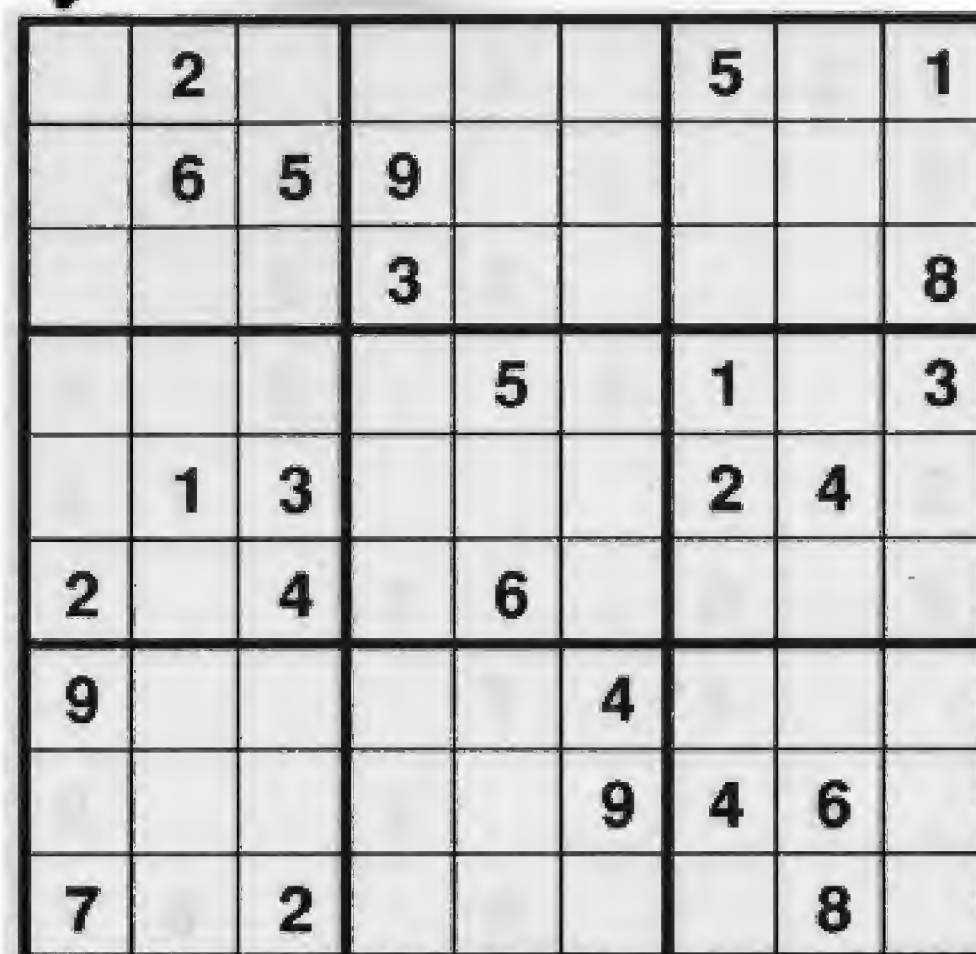
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Mahmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the ac-



tion, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Mama Luisa hard at work in the kitchen

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The "hipper" and elegant new digs offer beautiful views, but Mama Luisa's magical touch in the kitchen is what

first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generation. As Varella says, "My mom loves and lives to cook. Even when she is not at work in the restaurant, she is experimenting with new dishes all day at home."

She is the Queen of the Kitchen."

Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Ma-

machi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe prepara-

tion of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to go, reasonably priced and easily accessible. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com/>.

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Aside from an extensive regular menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season, and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't be shy about asking for something that may not be on the menu, as they are always eager to please.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining.

Football: Ronaldo sets record as Real win in Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Cristiano Ronaldo became the first player to score nine goals in the group stages of the Champions League as Real Madrid won 2-0 away at FC Copenhagen on Tuesday.

Luka Modric had given a surprisingly strong Madrid side the lead with a wonder strike on 25 minutes.

Ronaldo then doubled the advantage just after the break with a clinical finish from close range, but it wasn't a perfect night for the Portuguese as he had a late penalty saved by Copenhagen keeper Johan Wiland.

Real's two goals also meant they equalled a competition record of 20 goals in the group stages as they finished with 16 points from a possible 18.

Ronaldo was making his return to the side after three games out through injury and suspension respectively, whilst Gareth Bale also started after missing Saturday's 0-0 draw away to minnows Olimpic Xativa in the Copa del Rey due to flu.

On a freezing night and on a pitch in awful condition in the Danish capital it was perhaps unsurprising that the hosts made the more forceful start.

However, they failed to seriously trouble Iker Casillas and Madrid began to threaten mid-



way through the half.

Karim Benzema was first to have an effort on goal as his low drive was well-handled by Wiland in the Copenhagen goal.

Just three minutes later though, the keeper was left helpless as Modric curled in his first goal of the season with a stunning strike from 25 yards.

Wiland then had to be alive to deny Ronaldo as he bundled the Portuguese's effort round the post.

Copenhagen did have the ball in the net before half-time when Thomas Delaney out-jumped Casillas. However, the goal was ruled out as the midfielder not only appeared to foul the Spanish captain but also put the ball in the net with

his hand.

Ronaldo had to wait just three minutes after the break to make his mark as he latched onto Pepe's well-directed knockdown to fire home from close range.

The former Manchester United man then struck the post with an in-swinging effort as Madrid controlled the second-half with ease.

And he had the perfect opportunity to double his tally for the evening when he was felled inside the area by Delaney.

But Wiland stood up well to divert his dinked effort behind for a corner and moments later Bale failed to connect from barely three yards out with the goal at his mercy to keep the score down.

Boxing: British travel ban floors Tyson



LONDON (AFP) - Former world heavyweight champion boxer Mike Tyson has been forced to cancel appearances in London after discovering he is banned from entering Britain.

Tyson, a convicted rapist, had been scheduled to be in London this week as he continues a promotional tour for his new autobiography *Undisputed Truth*, which included a photocall with journalists and a book signing.

His publishers Waterstone said recent changes to British immigration laws meant he

was unable to travel to the country and has been re-routed to Paris instead.

Tyson is currently booked in for a British tour for his one-man Broadway show, directed by Spike Lee, which is booked for eight nights in March next year in London, Glasgow and Manchester.

He was convicted in 1992 for the rape of a teenage beauty queen, and served three years of a six-year sentence. He also has convictions for assault, cocaine possession and driving under the influence.

Football: Stunning City fightback

MUNICH (AFP) - Manchester City fought back from two goals down to earn a 3-2 win at Bayern Munich on Tuesday and break the holders' record 10-match Champions League winning streak.

The German giants also suffered their first defeat in major competition since coach Pep Guardiola took charge in June.

Bayern also fell to their first home defeat -- after 18 wins in Munich -- since losing 2-0 at home to Arsenal in last season's knock-out stages of the Champions League in March.

With both teams already through to the knock-out stages, City avenged October's 3-1 defeat to Bayern at the Etihad Stadium, but still finished second to the Germans in Group D with both teams on 15 points.



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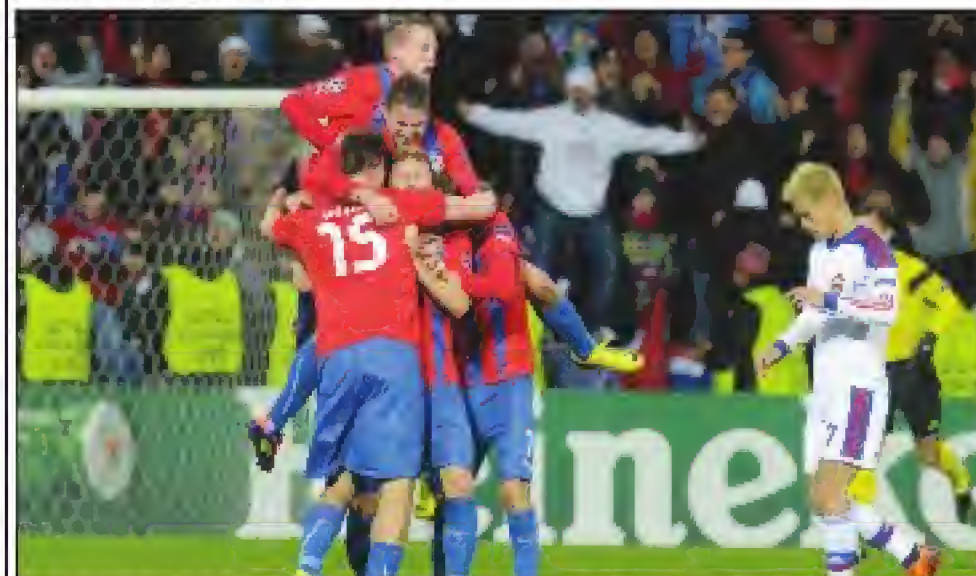
BRIEFS:



ATHENS (AFP) - Anderlecht's Guillaume Gillet (R) challenges Olympiakos' Vladimir Weiss during the UEFA Champions League group C football match at the Karaiskaki stadium in Athens yesterday. Olympiakos won 3-1. Olympiakos qualification for the Champions League last 16.




MANCHESTER (AFP) - Manchester United's Dutch striker Robin van Persie (L) challenges Shakhtar Donetsk's Croatian defender Darijo Srna during the UEFA Champions League football match between Manchester United and Shakhtar Donetsk at Old Trafford in Manchester, north west England yesterday. Manchester United won 1-0.



PLZEN (AFP) - Plzen's players celebrate after during the UEFA Champions League group D match Viktoria Plzen vs CSKA Moscow in Pilsen, Czech Republic yesterday. Viktoria Plzen won 2-1.

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San Nicolaas Taekwondo has last 2013 Championship

ORANJESTAD - On Saturday, December 7th, the San Nicolaas Taekwondo Center organized their last national championship at the Prinses Christina Gym in San Nicolaas. At this championship a total of 7 members of Aruba Taekwondo Center (ARTBO) participated in the championship. The following are the names of the school that participated:

Brazil Taekwondo Foundation under leadership of Master Alberto Klaber and Clifford Rasmijn,

Crotalus Taekwondo Center under the Leadership of Instructors Dr. Giacaiuro Jimenez and Dra. Viviana Bustos,

Tiger Taekwondo Academy



under the Leadership of Instructor Teofilo Rodriguez, *Noord Taekwondo Center* under the Leadership of Grand Master Jose (Chaco) Cornelio, *Washington Taekwondo Center* under the charge of Master Ray Kelly, *B.B. Taekwondo Center* and *San Nicolas Taekwondo Center* both were under the charge of Master Eric Barry.

A total of 41 athletes competed in this national championship. The referee was Grand Master Jose (Chaco) Cornelio, Master Marilu de Veer and instructor David Dubero. Special thanks went out to all parents of the athletes and a special thanks to the parents of the San Nicolaas Taekwondo Center who helped so well during the event.

Here are the results of the championship:

Best female fighter cadet: Shayleigh Everon of the Washington Taekwondo Center

Best male fighter cadet: Tristen Cijntje of the BB Taekwondo Center

Best female fighter junior: Fousha Hazelhoef of the Tiger Taekwondo Academy

Best male fighter junior: Angelo Rodriguez of the Tiger Taekwondo Academy

Best Team Brasil Taekwondo Stichting under leader-

ship of Master Alberto Klaber

Results of the competition:

Pool 1

1. Rasheed Lowe (Bra)
2. Javaugh Everon (Was)
3. Christopher Bito (SN)

Pool 2

1. Quillan Milton (SN)
2. Julio Rodriguez (Tiger)

Pool

1. Shayleigh Everon (Was)
2. Paul Coronado (SN)
3. Danon Delamore (Br)

Pool 4

1. Joshua Klaber (Bra)
2. Akeal Richardson (SN)

Pool 5

1. Aaron Bozzo (Tiger)
2. Wayne v/d Biezen (Tiger)

Pool 6

1. Jonathan Baez (Nrd)
2. Quentan Milton (BB)
3. Justin Arrindell (Bra)

Pool 7

1. Lucas Croes (Tiger)
2. Zyonn Thielman (Tiger)

Pool 8

1. Deniso Benders (BB)
2. Andy Emile (SN)

Pool 9

1. Fousha Hazelhoef (Tiger)
2. Alejandra Pajoroja (Was)

Pool 10

1. Waldi Novas (Nrd)
2. David Bito (BB)

Pool 11

1. Angelo Rodriguez (Tiger)
2. Donny Geerman (Was)
3. Giovanni Giel (Was)

Pool 12



1. Jourde Klaber (Bra)
 2. Ishaq Lake (BB)
- Pool 13*
1. Tristen Cijntje (BB)
 2. Jimmy Constant (SN)
 3. Eiber Torres (Tiger)
- Pool 14*
1. Irayim Delamore (Bra)
 2. Shandor Wanga (Bra)
- Pool 15*
1. Samuel Jones (SN)
 2. Bryan Charles (BB)
- Pool 16*
1. Akeem Ignacia (SN)
 2. Glenison Oduber (Cro)
- Pool 17*
1. Julio Rodriguez (Tiger)
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Certification seminar for boxing referee and judge



International Boxing referee Benny Steves Jr.

ORANJESTAD - On the 13th and 14th of December, the Aruba Boxing Commission (ABC) will be holding a special seminar to certify referees and judges.

This is in an effort to continue advancing the preparatory program and elevation of the knowledge of registered officials

The facilitator of this seminar is international referee Benny Steves Jr. from New Jersey, USA. Steves is a referee who acted in more than 50 fights for world titles. Steves also belongs to the Hall of Fame of Boxing in New Jersey. Steves has recently acted as referee during the fight between Hector Camacho Jr. and

Miguel Angel Munguia Garcia which took place here on the 3rd of May.

The seminar will be held in the meeting room of the Complejo Deportivo Guillermo Trinidad on Friday December 13 from 7:00 to 9:00pm. On the next day, December 14th there will be a test for all referees and judges registered with ABC.

Those who pass the test successfully will receive a certificate indicating that they have completed the requirements to be able to act as a referee or judge.

The ABC is grateful to the Ministry of Sports of Dr. Alex Schwengle and the Subsidy Commission of the Lotto Pa Deporte for their contribution and support to help realize this important seminar.



Figure skating: Injury ends Lysacek's bid to defend Olympic title



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Reigning Olympic figure skating champ Evan Lysacek has halted his comeback bid eight weeks ahead of the Sochi Games due to a nagging hip injury, the US star announced on Tuesday.

The 28-year-old tore the labrum in his left hip in August and said four months of recovery and rehab have done little to lessen the "excruciating" pain he suffers from.

Lysacek has not competed since winning gold at the 2010 Vancouver Games and now says that he faces possible surgery to fix the problem. But he shot down suggestions that he this could be a career-ending

injury.

Lysacek said he made the decision to withdraw from the Sochi Games last week after doctors told him he risked permanent injury.

Lysacek said he initially felt fine when he returned to the ice in October but as the training intensified so did the pain. He doesn't want his Vancouver golden moment to be his last figure skating win.

In Vancouver, Lysacek became the first American to win the Olympic men's gold since Brian Boitano in 1988.

He also won the 2009 world championships and was US champion in 2007 and 2008.